

# Sisters of Mercy, Singleton Congregation

1875 – 2011

**Other Names:** • Singleton Sisters of Mercy

## Details

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The Sisters of Mercy, Singleton Congregation, a Catholic religious order of women, was established in 1875, when Bishop James Murray invited Sisters of the Ennis Community to the Diocese of Maitland, Ireland. They built a substantial convent in stages from 1893 to 1925, and conducted a wide ranging ministry, including running the Monte Pio Home from 1910 to 1972. In 2011, the Sisters of Mercy, Singleton Congregation was dissolved and merged with 15 former Australian congregations to become the Institute of Sisters of Mercy Australia and Papua New Guinea.

In 1981, the 17 congregations of the Sisters of Mercy, while retaining autonomy, combined in a new administrative structure to form the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of Australia (ISMA). In 2011 the Singleton Congregation amalgamated with the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy Australia and Papua New Guinea and ceased to exist as a separate entity.

The Sisters of Mercy remain active in the Newcastle area, having located one of their regional offices in the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese.

## More info

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### Chronology

- **Sisters of Mercy, Singleton Congregation (1875 – 2011)**
  - Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea (12 December 2011 - current)

### Related Entries

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- [Monte Pio Orphanage \(1910 - 1973\)](#)  
Bishop Murray Memorial Home was staffed by the Sisters of Mercy, Singleton Congregation.

#### Related Organisations

- [Sisters of Mercy, Gunnedah Congregation \(1887 - 2011\)](#)
- [Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea Archives and Heritage Centre \(2012 - current\)](#)

## Resources

- [The Monte Pio Girls' Home and Orphanage Website](#), No date
  - Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, [The Forgotten Australians, Business of the House, Speakers Hornery Ms Sonia; Goward Ms Pru; Ashton Mr Alan; Maguire Mr Daryl; Morris Mr Matthew](#), Hansard, 25 November 2010
  - [Monte Pio Girls Home & Convent after final renovations in the early 1950's till its closure in 1972 & early photo of Monte Pio Motor Inn](#), The Monte Pio Girls' Home and Orphanage Website, 2008
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